



El Paso Police Department
Mission Valley Regional Command
Neighborhood Watch Newsletter



Monthly Newsletter —
August 2008 12th edition



On behalf of the El Paso Police Department we would like to thank all of those Block Captain's that went out of their way to celebrate National Night Out with their neighbors and with the Police Department. Here at the Mission Valley we had seven huge sites and would like to thank everyone for coming out. I would like to especially thank these block captains that did an awesome job.

Ana Duenez (**Cedar Grove area** in partnership with the Lower Valley Neighborhood Association and all the block Captains in this area). Welcome to the six new block captains who have joined our team! They had a presentation/ potluck gathering at the Tejas School of Choice located at **7500 Alpha**. Great turnout Ana! Thank you! The food was awesome as was the hospitality.

Dorine Baca-Brown (**Wenda Way**). Thank you Dorine! We know you are the glue that holds your neighborhood together and we thank you for everything that you do for our community! You've got a wonderful group of neighbors and we were glad that you all were able to celebrate with us with your neighborhood cookout and have us over to visit.

Mrs. Vielma and Mr. Bautista. (Valle de las Misiones Association and Neighborhood Watch programs) Gracias! Thank you so much! Your group has done wonderful things in getting your community together in order to address numerous issues in your neighborhood. Between the two of you I know that you will be successful in accomplishing your goals. Keep up the great work and this year will be even better.

Lilia Vasquez (the Kennedy Estates Neighborhood Watch groups). Lilia, I was so impressed because your site was the last one I had the chance to visit and from what was left during the last part of your get-together I could tell that you all had one awesome gathering. I only wish I could have been there earlier. I know you had a lot of work with the after party cleanup- I want to thank you for all you did. You did one awesome job of getting your community together. You did get them to hear you and I

know that your group can accomplish great things together. Thank you so much Lilia, and especially thanks for the Mosquito spray! Muchas Gracias por todo!

Letty Hernandez and Mr. Woody Bare (Housing Authority- **Marmolejo Complex at 600 Carolina**). Letty although I was unable to make it personally to your site I was advised by Officers Cordova, Hernandez and Perez that you had a great turnout! Welcome to the Neighborhood Watch family and if this was any indication of what type of response your program is going to have, you have it made. I want to thank you for organizing this huge event and together we will address crime issues with your community. Thanks for joining us this year!

Trini Acosta and the Riverside Improvement Association (**Thomas Manor Park @ the Shelter**). Trini, I was also unable to make your site but comments from the Officers and our Commander told me that it was a very nice event with live music, good food and lots of fun. Your group has begun to see some accomplishments that are finally coming to light this year and as you know it is only through the group efforts of all your partners. Thank you for your commitment to your community and thanks for celebrating with us!

Jessie Williamson (**Manuel / Akron / Kilburn**). Jessie I did not make your site either but was told that the food was delicious! The Commander told me that you had the best chicharrones and enchiladas so pass on the compliments to the chef! I heard that you had Maria Elena Rivera do a short presentation on domestic violence and had several dignitaries show up. Thanks for coordinating your group this year at the last minute!

I would like to say that we had six new Neighborhood watches start on this night and we welcomed the Marmolejo Apartment Complex as a new "apartment neighborhood watch". If you have photos you would like to share please let me know or forward copies to me so we can possibly get them on our department web pages. Thanks you to everyone that participated. I had several groups also tell me that they couldn't get big events put together but that they had asked residents to do the Traditional Turning on of their Porch Lights. Thanks everyone! The only thing I wish is that I could have been at each and every site all night. I would like to thank Asst. Chief Johnson, Asst. Chief Feidner, Representative Eddie Holguin, Representative Steve Ortega, Representative Emma Acosta, Commander Victor Zarur, Sgt. Montoya, Lt. Armitage, Sgt. Schmidt, Officer Hernandez, Officer Cordova, Officer Perez and of course the El Paso Police Department Police Explorers Mission Valley Post 2 for coming out and helping out visiting with our community, my old friends, and some new ones.....



Lately we have had a lot of rain falling in our beautiful city. Rainstorms and street floodings have become a common site. Please use care when driving in areas with puddles of water. If the water is flooding the street, use an alternate route. Do not drive through these areas as we have seen an increase in stranded motorists and stalled vehicles. Slow down during storms and help us prevent unnecessary accidents from

occurring. Please look out for pedestrians as well as many of our storms have occurred suddenly and with a lot of hard rain often making visibility difficult for everyone.



Update on upcoming training. Note **there is no training** for the month of August as we celebrated National Night Out. Please mark your calendars for the training in September. On **Saturday, September 20th, 2008 at the Northeast Regional Command, located at 9400 Dyer** (in their conference room) there will be a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain's training session. If you would like more information or have any questions regarding this training session, please contact **Officer Jeff Bell at 759-2004.**

Please encourage your neighbors to report suspicious suspects and all crimes to the police department **EVEN IF THEY DO NOT WISH TO PROSECUTE.** We need the information to keep track of where crimes are occurring.



Emergency **911** Non-emergency **832-4400** Phone in Reports **832-4436**
www.eppd.org (to make reports online)

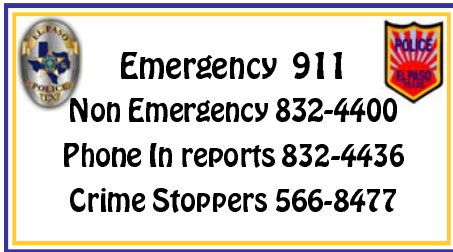
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Do you have a GARAGE?

Crime prevention tip...If you have an automatic garage door opener attached to your garage, **remove the little plastic handle on the emergency release cord** to keep burglars from pulling the cord from the outside with any type of tool. When the release cord is pulled with it releases the locking mechanisms that are attached to the top chain and allows you to open the garage door from the outside with only your hands, no keys needed. By removing the plastic handle (would-be burglars) can't get a grip on the cord and can't release the locking mechanism from the chain as they have nothing to anchor their burglar tools on.

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To Report Graffiti



In Progress 9-1-1
Report / Unit Sent for photos 832-4400
Report / No Unit Sent 832-4436
On Line Report www.eppd.org
Graffiti Hotline 621-6789 / 533-3434



School Time is here....Please remember to use extra care when driving in school zones and areas where children walk to school....

Common Violations that we issue citations for:

- Failure to yield the right of way to a pedestrian in crosswalk
- Jay walking
- Passing in a school zone
- Walking against pedestrian control signal
- Disobeying the school crossing guard
- Passing a school bus when stop sign extended (flashing lights)
- Speeding in a school zone
- Parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk
- Parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- Parking over 18 inches from the curb
- No parking/no stopping/ no standing sign violation
- Handicapped parking violation
- Parking in front of a driveway (blocking driveway)
- Parking within 30 feet of a stop sign
- Seatbelt violations
- Leaving the vehicle unattended and while engine still running